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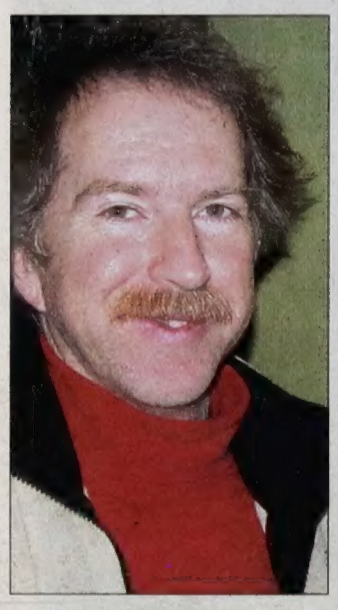

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Dumps' time is up

Lochlin, Ingoldsby and Iron Mine sites are in jeopardy of being closed

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Some of the Minden Hills landfill sites have been placed on life support. The Lochlin, Ingoldsby and Iron Mine sites are in jeopardy of being closed in the near future – much sooner than expected.

A change in consultants has resulted in a change in the estimated life expectancy of the municipality's landfill sites.

Visitors to the Lochlin dump recently were greeted with a sign that declared the landfill site was closed. The landfill has since been reopened, but is now only accepting household garbage. In addition, the Lochlin dump is being used as a transfer site only until the dilemma of whether it is at capacity is resolved. Garbage taken to the Lochlin site is being transferred to the Scotch Line dump.

Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney said he is very upset about the situation. "The Ministry of the Environment is putting a lot of pressure on us," he said.

The problem arose when the municipality tendered for consultants to evaluate the township's landfill sites. The company that previously did the evaluations lost the bid to SGS Lakefield Research. The new consultant's research came to a different conclusion than the previous one – Robinson Consultants of Ottawa.

Rigney can't explain why the two consultants have come to different conclusions, but Minden Hills will investigate the situation to determine if Robinson Consultants' cal-

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New Year's with a splash

With surprisingly gleeful abandon – considering how cold she's about to become –Sandy Patenaud leaps into a hole cut through the ice of Lake Kashagawigamog on January 1 as part of Allsaw Pentecostal Church's celebration of 2004's arrival. Story and photos on page 11.

Gallery expansion costlier than planned

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

Minden Hills council will soon have to decide whether to accept a tender for the 2,000 sq. ft. expansion of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre that is $140,000 more than the project's existing budget.

The tenders, opened on December 5, ranged from $650,000 to $519,000; the last estimated cost of the expansion project in September was $377,000. The tenders are valid for 60 days and the centre's board of directors asked for time for the centre's administrator Laurie Carmount to write additional grant applications to cover the extra expenditure.

Carmount says the board's reaction to the tenders has been to not panic. They submitted to council a revamped funding pro-

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Martha Walls/TIMES

Impersonator celebrates Elvis' birthday at Hyland Crest

The VON Adult Day Program will be hosting some great events that are sure to keep everyone entertained over the coming year.

To start things off this month is a special entertainer named Joe Fisher. An Elvis Presley impersonatorn he will be performing on Thurs., Jan. 8, which was Elvis Presley's birthday. Residents from Hyland Crest to join program participants for the entertainment.

The performance will be from 2 - 3 pm.

Anyone who wishes to join us for the afternoon are welcome.

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We particularly enjoyed the Euchre and bowling evenings, the professionalism and help from the services and businesses in the Minden area, and the many friends that were part of our time in Minden.

A special thanks also to those who provided their support and assistance in our move to the Alliston area. Thanks to you an emotional and stressful time was made a lot easier.

We are now settled in our new home and welcome all of you to drop in when in the area.

We will never forget our sixteen years in Minden area and the many wonderful friends that shared that time with us.

Thank you all

Clifford and Rhoda Woolner

Michael & Jacqueline *are pleased to announce the birth of their first child,* **Aiden, Michael Gorveatt**

Aiden was born on Sept. 8th, 2003 @ 10:45 pm at Cobourg Hospital and weighed a whopping 10 lbs, 11 oz. Wow! Proud grandparents are Lillian Gorveatt of Minden, Wally and Nora Crowe of Lindsay and Ron and Barb Gorveatt of Amherst, Nova Scotia.

Aiden is also the newest member of Alderville First Nation

Highlands escapes the worst of 2003

In the year of SARS, West Nile and mad cow disease, the Highlands' economy emerges relatively unscathed

by **MATTHEW WALLS**
Times staff

In the year that virus and disease hobbled Toronto's tourism industry, smeared Canada's cattle and made killers of Ontario's mosquitoes, Haliburton County defied gloomy forecasts and escaped relatively unharmed.

Hospitals fared the worst. From the beginning of April until the end of June, hospital staff at the Minden and Haliburton emergency departments wore cumbersome protective masks, goggles, gloves and gowns, and patients endured three months without visitors, most with understanding, but a few chaffing against the isolation.

"It was very difficult for staff and the community," said Lynne Johnston, Director of Acute and Ambulatory Care.

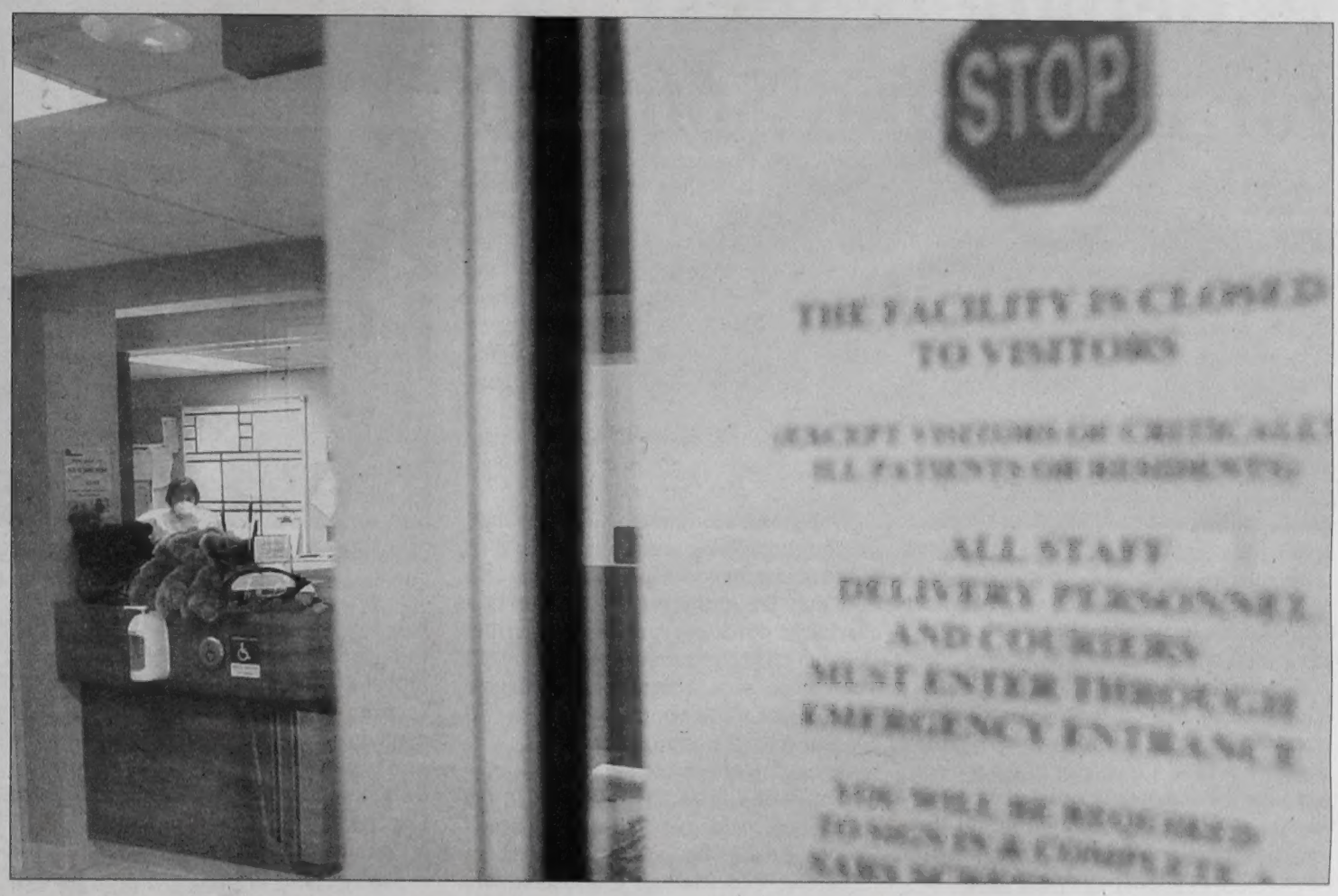
Johnston said the hospitals experienced two scares. In one instance, a patient with SARS-like symptoms who had also been to a Toronto hospital was airlifted to Toronto. Later tests showed the symptoms weren't related to SARS.

The school bus accident in May, which luckily injured only three students, required the hospital to launch its disaster plan. It was the hospital's first use of the plan, which calls in extra staff, doctors and volunteers. Johnston remarked, "The community response was great."

The area's tourism industry predictably suffered from the international scare SARS created, though not at badly as expected.

Larger resorts such as Wigamog Inn noticed a 10 to 15 per cent drop in revenue. Managing Director Bill Young said SARS, a stronger loonie, West Nile virus, the war in Iraq and, indirectly, the hydro blackout, all contributed to the decline, which Resorts Ontario found to be province-wide.

Owners of small resorts like Ogopogo Resort and Heather Lodge, however, report few to no complaints. Ogopogo's Carol McClennan said the resort had a few Americans who came despite the SARS and West Nile virus scares.



The SARS scare took its biggest toll on local healthcare providers who had to suffer through the crisis wearing layers of protective clothing, above. The West Nile virus generated the most fear locally but the issue that garnered the most letters to the letter was the newfound freedom of ATVs on local highways and biways, at left. Minden Home Hardware survived the worst of the fire which destroyed its storage buildings, *bottom left.*

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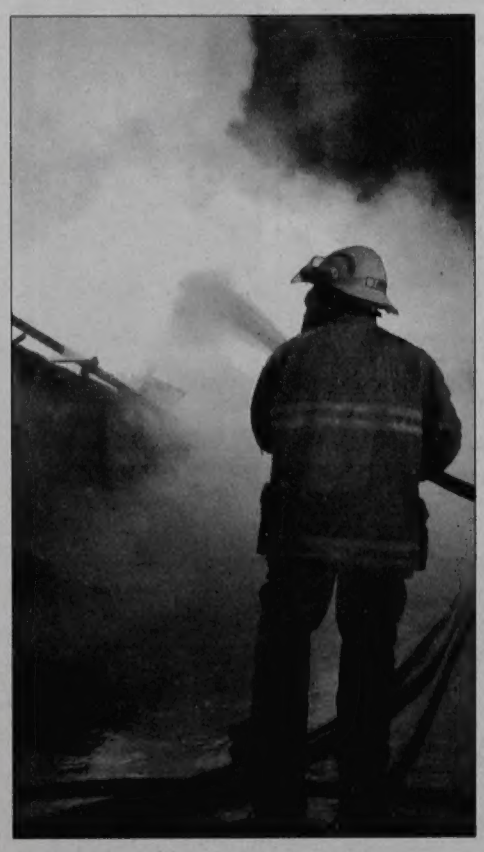

"SARS may have affected things a tiny bit, but not hugely."

Resorts did, however, have fewer European vacationers. Jay Lake Trent & Trailer Park usually gets 10 groups of Europeans. In 2003, they disappeared.

Owner Jim Hollett said his transient campers, who account for half his business, were down 25 per cent, largely because of Europeans and Americans. Hollett had only one group from the U.S. in 2003, three families who drove over 700 kms from southern Pennsylvania to ride their ATVs.

The group, Hollett said, spent a lot of money and plan to come back twice next year, proof to Hollett that ATVs are here to stay. "It is absolutely going to happen."

ATVs, in fact, provoked widespread discussion, with countless letters to the editor. Except for Dysart et al, the county's three other township councils chose to allow ATVs shoulder-use of every road in their townships.

Sales of 'ATVs, says Paul Prentice, owner of Prentice Power Sports, were very strong last year. Bombardier's two-seater ATV, the first of its kind, was the year's biggest seller.

While residents debated the merits of the influx ATV enthusiasts, there was no doubt the cottage and retiree populations in the area grew.

Anthony vanLieshout, a Royal Lepage broker, said the market last year was extremely strong. New buyers are purchasing land-locked lots, as well as the traditional waterfront lots, and are either renovating older homes or tearing down older cottages and building large year-round homes or chalets. Eight years ago, vanLieshout said, only a handful of houses were worth a $1 million; today they number in the dozens.

Buoyed by the growing population, many businesses hardly noticed the drop in tourists to the area, with some even posting their best results in years and looking to the new year to bring even better business.

Car dealerships, flower shops, electronics stores, pest control companies, cinemas, travel agencies and beauty and fitness centres all reported average or above average sales for the year. At least six new businesses, as well as an arcade, opened in 2003, while only one existing closed.

Four of those businesses are on the Highway 35 corridor, which has lured businesses seeking to exploit the growing cottage population. Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney said council's trying to entice prospective businesses to situate along the corridor. Though council encourages downtown rehabilitation, Rigney said it also gives equal weight to the corridor's development: "As far as we're concerned, Hwy. 35 is all downtown."

Besides working to attract businesses, Rigney said council's other achievements in 2003 were refurbishing bridges, improving roads, and maintaining and upgrading water systems.

"We seem to have [our water systems] under control, but at some point we'll have to expand."

Rigney added that the council was pleased with the Agnes Jamieson gallery's expansion, and is willing to assist it.

"It's a clear tourist attraction to outsiders coming in and a cultural aspect that our own people living here are seeing and want to see expanded."

While tourist numbers are not yet available for 2003, the Chamber of Commerce reported that except for the long weekend in May, most tourism-dependent businesses did well. The county also achieved prominence in the media with the broadcast of the Winterdance Sled Dog Derby on City TV and widespread coverage for the first-ever Hike Haliburton.

Carol Moffatt, the chamber's former marketing co-coordinator, said the co-operation amongst organizations that made the hike a success is "the future of this community."

Moffatt pointed to the controversy surrounding ATV trails and the county's divided support of the Chamber as evidence that the county does not know what kind of community it wants to be. People still have different opinions of what drives this area's economy, Moffatt said, and because of that, its tourism industry continues to lag behind other regions.

"[It's] about vision. We don't have one. We don't know what we want to be."

Minden Hills council to debate request for additonal $60,000

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posal on Dec. 9 with a plan of additional funding sources. Carmount says that the municipality, which owns the centre, has already agreed to bankroll $161,000 while the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation carries out fundraising for the rest of the money over a period of three years. She says they are now asking the municipality for an additional $60,000 which, in addition to other proposed grants, will raise the $519,000 for the project.

She maintains that the expansion is not only critical to the survival of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery but will also entrench the Cultural Centre, which contains the gallery, museum and library, as an economic and cultural cornerstone in Minden. No one is arguing with her. Reeve Ross Rigney has been a supporter of the project and says the community needs the centre. He has not, however, committed to the current tender and has said council will have to decide in January "what we can do to reduce the cost."

New councillor Cheryl Murdoch has been appointed to sit on the centre's board. "I would like to see the addition go on as is (in current architectural drawings). We have a wonderful art collection that I would like to see in a proper place," she says.

Council will be meeting this week and will have to decide what constitutes a "proper place" for the gallery's valuable André Lapine collection and how much money is a warranted expenditure for the centre. The sooner the decision is made the better. The cost for the project has gone up 20 per cent since it was first estimated in 2000 due to the rise in price of construction materials and labour. The project has approved grants of $104,000 from the federal/provincial governments, $46,000 from the cultural centre reserve, $61,000 from Agnes Jamieson gallery bequests and $5,000 from the McLean Foundation.

The existing expansion plan doubles the size of the gallery, adds a gift shop, new entranceway, reception area, and public washrooms accessible from the museum grounds but most importantly raises the standard of the building to that of a Class A gallery able to collect art and fulfill the functions of a public gallery. The renovations will allow the gallery to be open year round, offer more programming, and be eligible for Arts Council funding, says Carmount.

"It will qualify us to bring in touring shows and very exciting and wonderful art exhibitions," says Carmount.

Gord Monk was drafted into co-ordinating the fundraising campaign because of his past experience with fundraising. He says they are in the process of getting a charitable donation number, "a horribly slow process of government bureaucracy." The campaign is a significant challenge and the amount to be raised has risen 40 per cent since the original proposal.

Although Monk is concerned about raising the money he is also confident in the strong cultural group in Haliburton County. He says he feels optimistic about being able to reach their goal and sustain the gallery.

"The new gallery is going to be a tremendous attraction. It's going to bring new artisans and new people here. Laurie's doing a really good job for us. We can't wait to get going," says Monk.

Donations are already coming in and Carmount says she is amazed at the generosity of some small groups. However, Carmount is also up front about the skepticism she has heard from some about why a small village like Minden needs a gallery and she is passionate in her response.

"I know some people say why do we need a gallery, we're not Toronto. But more people, particularly those moving to the area, want more things to do and they are saying 'Let's support culture'. We are going to increase our programming and get kids involved. This is an exceptional opportunity to bridge the gap between our artists and youth. This is going to be the place to do that."

The centre is also getting invaluable advice from the Lord Cultural Resources Planning and Management Firm. The firm based in Toronto has offices in Berlin, San Francisco and hot art spots around the globe. Carmount says she was shocked such an internationally successful firm agreed to create a strategic plan for the gallery for only $6,000 – a grant the centre received from the Canadian Heritage Department.

Curator Laurie Carmount says an expanded gallery, plus the prestigious André Lapine collection, will help put Minden on the cultural map.

Carmount says the plan is critical to the development of the entire centre - not just the expansion of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. She said it is important they are able to hire a consultant who can make sense of the new Municipal Act and its implications for the centre and the arts. The consultant will look at governance issues, accreditation of the gallery and museum, site planning and programming. The plan will also establish how the centre will operate with other arts organizations in the county such as the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton.

Carmount says there is no competition between with the Rails End Gallery, which is also undergoing a massive renovation project and fundraising. Carmount says both galleries are working to promote the arts and the more appreciation they build in the community the better off both will be.

"I think it's fortunate we've come to this time where an Arts Council is forming, there is economic growth in the arts here and the gallery expansion will set a strong precedent for the arts here," says Carmount.

Carmount insists that the arts, and the business generated by all of the local studios and galleries, are beginning to eclipse recreation while still fitting in very well with educational tours and eco-tourism initiatives. She says the value of the gallery and the arts is an enriching element for the entire population.

In order for the gallery to succeed, she says there needs to be more promotion, part of the reason why Marjorie Green and Jack Brezina have undertaken writing a book on André Lapine. Lapine was a famous artist in his day and Carmount says his popularity is growing - a trend Minden can cash in on with its amazing Lapine collection and connection with the artist who once resided here.

Meanwhile Carmount is already busily planning for this year. She hopes to open the season with a student art show to draw the community into the gallery. A month later the gallery will display its entire Lapine collection and works by George Pratt, a highly successful sculptor born in Minden. She has also booked two travelling exhibits: a 19th Century Japanese wood block printing interactive display and a show called FUSION from the Clay and Glass Association.

A new Saturday program for kids is slated to run for 19 sessions. For the older crowd, Carmount is planning A Senior's Moment once a month where she plans on having someone from the community as a guest speaker or performer.

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Councillor advocates incinerating garbage

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culations were inaccurate. "Something is wrong," Rigney said, adding that the life expectancy estimates for all of the landfill sites have changed.

Councillor Ron Buchanan was involved with the Waste Management Committee of the former Snowdon Township when he was a councillor there. His interest in waste management continues with Minden Hills, even though he is not a member of the Waste Management Committee. "I've always said dumps are going to be our biggest expense," Buchanan said.

Buchanan said he hasn't had the opportunity to speak directly with MOE officials yet (because of the Christmas holiday season), but it is his understanding that the MOE intends to shut the Lochlin dump down almost immediately. He said Robinson Consultants had estimated the life expectancy of the Lochlin dump at 15 years. That was four years ago and now Lakefield Research says it is at capacity. "It has gone from 15 years to nothing in four years," he said.

Buchanan noted that the municipality owns 50 acres adjacent to the Lochlin landfill site. The idea of expanding the site looked appealing, but he said it would cost a considerable amount to do the required studies and in all likelihood the MOE wouldn't approve it anyway.

Buchanan believes there is a solution. He said recycling and incineration is the answer.

"Burying garbage is not the answer," he said. He has investigated the option of installing an incinerator and he doesn't see any downside. "It would employ people and the byproducts are chlorine and salt, both of which can be sold," he said. "It's time we realized we need to save the environment."

Buchanan said modern incinerators are so efficient there are no emissions coming from the chimneys. The MOE monitors emissions on a monthly basis. The burning of garbage can also generate electricity.

"The Canadian Armed Forces use [incinerators]," Buchanan said. He said he wants to go to Petawawa to talk to the people who operate the incinerator there to see if they know of any drawbacks.

Buchanan said he has already spoken to the manufacturer of an incinerating unit and has seen them in operation. He compared it to buying a sander truck for the municipality. "It's one thing to talk to the salesman, but you have to talk to the driver after an ice storm to find out how the unit really performs," he said.

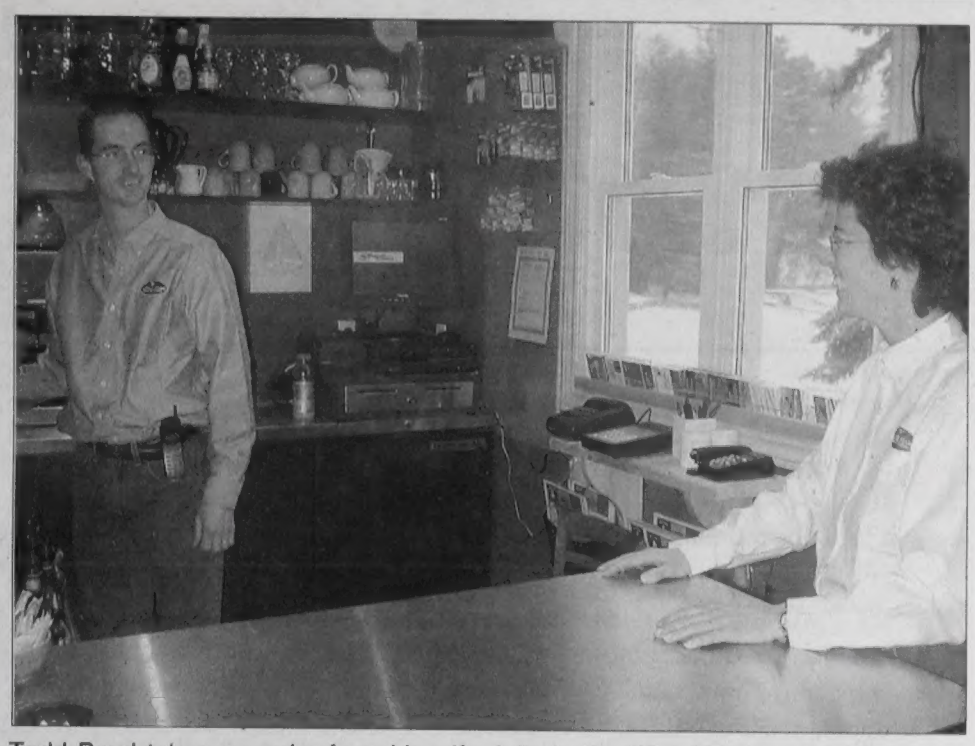
Another plus for an incinerator is the fact that it could save the local hospitals a considerable amount. They currently ship their waste for incineration to a facility out of the county. With an incinerator in the county, the costs to the hospitals would be reduced significantly. He said it would be cost effective for other hospitals nearby, such as Lindsay and Peterborough to have their waste products incinerated here as well.

Buchanan noted that there is an incinerator in use on Ellesmere Island and it even burns septage. He is not sure what the MOE regulations are regarding incineration of septage.

Buchanan said the incinerator he has investigated would cost $2-million and an optional thermal generator would be an additional $1-million. Given the cost of operating the county landfill sites and the fact that they will all have to be closed eventually, he believes an incinerator is the only viable option. He said the municipality would not have to hire a consultant to evaluate landfill sites if an incinerator was built, which would result in considerable savings. He also believes financing for an incinerator would be readily available.

"We are a garbage producing society," Buchanan said.

The landfill situation will be discussed at the Minden Hills council meeting this Thursday.



Todd Boyd takes an order from his wife Julie in the Wharf Tavern, the temporary restaurant they have opened until their resort's main building, which housed Little Hawk Resort's restaurant and was destroyed by fire in November, is rebuilt.

Little Hawk Resort reopens after fire

Little Hawk Resort & Marina, which only 60 days ago appeared operationally crippled when a fire from an apparent faulty electric heater resulted in the main lodge and restaurant burning to the ground, is once again open for business.

The resort's new Wharf Tavern is in a renovated building adjacent to the previous lodge. From the ashes of the original main building is rising a 6,400 square foot complex that owners Todd and Julie Boyd say will rival other high-end resorts.

The new Little Hawk Resor will include a spacious convenience store, modern pub, and additional rental suites. Construction on the main lodge is anticipated to be complete by late February 2004, but with external framing already in place, the owners' excitement is palpable.

Julie Boyd says they are making the best of a challenging situation. "Losing every business and personal effect you own, included pets that you love, is a devastating situation, but we knew we had to move forward."

The Boyds, who escaped the fire with just the clothes on their backs, have just renovated their rental cottages, fortunately unharmed in the blaze. In addition to outfitting each with new furniture and kitchenware, the cottages are painted in a robust Bermuda style, and have had hardwood installed throughout.

The Boyds took ownership of Little Hawk Resort & Marina in September 2003 when the former proprietors, Linda and Martin Harvey, retired. The devastating fire hit them only one month later.

The Boyds previously lived in Bermuda for seven years. They have decorated the restaurant with some photos of the rebuilding. This motif blends with an imported dash of Bermuda culture, *including adopting for the Wharf Tavern's* signature drink, the island's classic Rum Swizzle cocktail.

Little Hawk Resort & Marina, and the Wharf Tavern, are located on HCSA snowmobile trail #4, at the end of Little Hawk Lake Road (County Road 13).

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The case for incineration

The township of Minden Hills has a dilemma. It has been told that the Lochlin dump must close because it is at capacity. The municipality was expecting another 10-11 years worth of use from the site.

The appointment of a different consultant to evaluate the life expectancy of the municipality's landfill sites resulted in the revelation that all of the dumps had less capacity left than the previous consultant had predicted.

No matter how much life remains in the municipality's landfill sites, the sad truth is that they will all have to be closed at some point in the next few decades – at most.

Finding suitable new landfill sites is extremely difficult, to say the least. It is also horrendously expensive. People don't want a dump in their neighbourhood any more than they want a septage lagoon. And we know how people oppose septage lagoons by the problems Algonquin Highlands has had trying to find a solution to its septage disposal problems.

Landfill sites are not environmentally friendly, especially those which have been in operation for decades, before regulations were so stringent.

Given the geology of Haliburton County and its lack of soil, leachate from landfill sites is something future generations will have to contend with for a very long time. Ministry of the Environment regulations have evolved to the point where finding a location in Haliburton County that would meet standards would be very difficult. Granite rock, as we all know, is not absorbent.

The solution may be to encourage recycling as much as possible and to incinerate the rest.

An incinerator would be expensive, to be sure. The estimate to build an incineration plant is $2-million and if a thermal electricity generator is added, it would increase the cost to $3-million. But even $3-million would be a fraction of the cost associated with expanding current landfill sites or finding new ones. Environmental studies alone would be prohibitively expensive.

The argument that incinerators are major polluters is no longer valid. Current technology, according to Minden Hills Councillor Ron Buchanan, who has done considerable research on the subject, results in a very clean burn. Incinerators in operation now are monitored on a monthly basis by the MOE and meet its stringent standards.

Apparently, an incinerator would also be able to burn the accumulated refuse at the dumps as Ron Buchanan says, "sand and all." So, if it gets to the point where an incinerator was actually able to keep ahead of the inflow of garbage, the option of digging up and burning the accumulation of decades of garbage existing in area landfills is there.

The viability of adding a power generating unit to such a facility would be worth examining. If the cost of power continues to increase, as expected, there may be some government money available to help pay for the infrastructure – if such a facility is able to produce a significant amount of power.

Incineration may sound too good to be true. There may be a negative aspect. But it is well worth serious consideration and thorough investigation. A couple of million dollars spent over the next few years may save the municipality many more millions over the long haul.

There is no perfect solution, but incineration seems to be significantly better than adding more garbage to the landscape and pollutants to the water table of Haliburton County.

There may be a silver lining to the MOE's insistence on closing the Lochlin dump.It is a wake-up call highlighting the need for a major overhaul in the way we think about waste management.

The municipality or the county should be investigating financing options now.

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IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Kinmount Heritage Park — Photo by DARREN LUM/Times

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Minden Hills has other choices than building a new office

To the Editor:

After much thought and speaking to many of the taxpayers of Minden Hills, I write this letter to protest the need to have a new Municipal Office built to meet the needs of the administration staff to serve the taxpayers of Minden Hills.

One of the main reasons is the fact that the "Town Hall" should not be taken away from the centre of town thereby affecting the downtown merchants and businesses. As matter of fact council should be taking a lead in doing everything possible to keep the village commercial vacancy rate low in order to have a vibrant downtown and not turning its back and moving "out".

I also understand that the present building is "sinking". So what else is new? As many of us know some 15,000 years ago Minden was a lake. I am also aware that part of the present municipal building is rented. If the municipal staff needs more room why not give notice to the tenants to vacate. I understand that the planning department is happy with their office in the former Lutterworth Township building.

I am sure that the taxpayers of Minden Hills would be much happier if their tax dollars could be put to better use, and just to mention one idea, a public swimming complex for our children, as well as the many seniors in our area.

I trust the council in its wisdom will not go ahead with this expenditure.

Al Mayo
Minden

INOTHERWORDS
Columnists and Letters to the Editor

A tale of two potties

In our never-ending quest to build a better mousetrap, an American company has now devised a way to teach cats how to use the toilet. I'm still not sure why. As far as I know, my cat has never expressed any desire to perform this feat and I think it's fair to say that she's not much different from most other cats.

I suspect that if a cat has any yearning to use a toilet at all, it is only because some dog considers it to be his source of drinking water. Cats are nothing if not thorough.

Anyhow, the whole idea is based on an ingenious little toilet seat called the CatSeat. Inside it are retractable shelves textured to simulate kitty litter. After the pet gets used to the feel of the CatSeat, the unit is then placed atop the toilet where, after each use, the shelves retract and the waste matter falls into that great yawning void known as the toilet - hopefully before it reaches its expiry date. The company says that in about three weeks most cats will use this seat instead of the litter box. Coincidentally, this is also how long it will take you to remember that it's there. I think that the simulated litter box texture might expedite that process. Sit on it once and I'm sure you won't forget.

BEYOND35
Steve Galea

Look, I don't doubt that it's possible to toilet train a cat, but what of the side effects?

From a purely economical point of view, this will cost us pet owners money.

That's because cats are finicky and will not settle for just any old feline toiletries. No sir, once they begin perching on our porcelain we'll be obliged to purchase expensive products like Cat-tonnelle toilet paper just so they can feel that cat-tany softness. And, of course, what feline washroom would be complete without hair freshener? I think you get the picture.

Everyone knows that cats already suspect that they are intellectually superior to us. If we allow them to use our toilets, I believe we will turn this suspicion into reality. That's because sitting on the throne is the first critical step on the road to literacy and deep thinking. It's a widely accepted that the majority of us only learned to read after being potty trained. And most of us return there to do our reading.

So, I guess we must ask ourselves, do we really want our cats to read?

I, for one, don't want to walk in on my cat sitting on the john flipping through outdoor magazines or, even worse, a Chatelaine. But, I believe, due to this incredible technological advance, I am doomed to face this specter and maybe even the accompanying compatibility quizzes. Cats are nothing if not through.

So what's the big deal about cat's bettering themselves? Hey, consider the anti-social messages contained in the Cat in the Hat and Puss and Boots. Soon after, they'll be forcing Hollywood to remake Of Mice and Men. They already have a TV channel devoted solely to cats. Next thing you know, felines will have the vote. But just remember, the Americans already had one President named Garfield and that didn't work out.

I say we should leave well enough alone. Litter boxes are a time-honored and proven method. There's scented and clumping litter now . We've already given this too much thought.

That's why you won't see one of these cat toilets in our house. Our cat is traditional and tough. It's a mouse catcher, a predator and a hunter of the night as cats should be. A cat like that needs true grit. And I don't.

You know you're too old when...

My husband will never chase another woman. He's too fine. He's too decent. He's too old.

Gracie Allen

The late, great Gracie said that about her husband George Burns back in 1960, when Burns was a mere 64. I don't know much about George's subsequent track record in the fidelity sweepstakes, but I know he cantered around the comedy circuit for another three and a half decades.

He was still cracking people up when he died a few years back, at the ripe old age of 100.

A lot of George's jokes, not surprisingly, were about getting old. "When I was young, the Dead Sea was alive," he'd tell audiences. When he landed the lead role in the movie, O God, he cracked, "Why shouldn't I play God?

At my age, anything I do is a miracle."

And my favourite George Burns line: "Having sex at my age is like shooting pool with a rope."

I told that joke to my pal Lenny and he laughed. Then he said, "Who's George Burns?"

Ah, you know you must be getting old when you have to explain who George Burns is.

I'll give you two more contemporary beacons of incipient decrepitude.

ARTHURBLACK
Columnist

Their names are Hugh Hefner and Bob Guccione. Any North American male who came of age during the last half of the twentieth century would know those names. They published the most famous skin magazines of their day. Hefner spawned *Playboy*; Guccione weighed in with the raunchier *Penthouse*.

For hormone-besotted college boys back in the 60's and 70's Hef and Gootch were the unchallenged lords of libido, the ultimate party animals constantly surrounded by expensive toys, good booze and pneumatic babes selected for their high bosoms and low I.Q's.

The difference between Hefner/Guccione and the rest of us is that we grew up. Not those two. They're still at it. Every once in a while you'll see a magazine photo of Hefner lounging by a pool wearing his trademark silk kimono, surrounded by a bevy of what look like chorus girls drawn by Robert Crumb. The women all look cartoonishly oversexed.

Hefner looks like a stylishly dressed iguana. And well he might - the guy is three years away from his 80th birthday.

Bob Guccione isn't far behind. He's 72, still sporting a badly dyed, greasy-curled toupee and lashings of gold chains around his neck. And still hanging on as publisher and editor of *Penthouse*.

But he's got troubles. *Playboy's* circulation has fallen badly over the past few years, but *Penthouse's* audience numbers are in free fall.

In 1998, more than a million customers bought copies of the magazine. By last year, the numbers were down to 565,700 and dropping. Last fall, Guccione filed for bankruptcy protection. He stepped down as CEO of Penthouse International and handed the keys over to one Milton Polland, head of a California communication company.

Mister Polland is 92 years old.

Not that there's anything inherently wrong with the spectacle of three senior citizens geriatrically jockeying for the privilege of putting out soft-core porn magazines aimed at pimply-faced teenage lads, but it is kinda pathetic.

Mind you, it could be worse. They could have run for Governor of California - or the U.S. Presidency.

More power to you, gents. I say, keep it up!

And if that becomes a problem, there's always Viagra.

Writers group welcomes poet/musician

by Robyn M. Thomas

The Haliburton Highlands Writers and Editors Network welcomes Lea Harper as the guest speaker at its buffet luncheon at the Delta Pinestone on Thurs., Jan. 15.

The Kennisis Lake resident will share her 30 years of experience as a professional songwriter and poet and also provide a short reading.

Harper's evocative poetry is akin to cupping an exquisite sea-shell to the ear, and listening to a flow of words compelling and passionate. She will address the practical concerns of writers such as reproduction and lending rights, residuals, grants and promotion.

A recipient of The LaPointe Prize for Poetry and double-winner of The People's Political Poem contest, Lea Harper is the author of two collections of poems and three recordings. Daniel Richler described her works as "universal - transcending today's popular psychic symbols and mythologies."

Her music has taken her to Los Angeles, Jamaica and South America. Along with twin sister, Lyn, Syren received a Juno nomination and won The Canadian Reggae Award for Top Duo.

Ms. Harper's poems have been widely published in literary journals and anthologies in Canada, U.S. and the UK. She has written articles for billboard Magazine, N.Y., reviews for the Leagues Online Bookstore and has sat on literary juries, most recently, the Pat Lowther Memorial Award in 2002.

Lea Harper lives on Kennisis Lake with her partner and two daughters.

Please phone Marjorie Green at 286-2592 by Monday Jan. 12 to reserve your place in the Minden Room at Delta Pinestone Resort. The luncheon is $20 for non-members and $18 for members. An area will be provided for local writers to display business cards, brochures, information or products for distribution. Announcements of interest may be made at the end of the presentation. Please call Pauline Johnson at 489-3878 with announcement information if you cannot attend.

MORELETTERS
Times readers write

Letters to the Editor provide a forum for civil debate on issues of concern to readers and the community at large.

Anyone is welcome to express their thoughts in a letter. However, it should be noted that unsigned or anonymous letters cannot be published.

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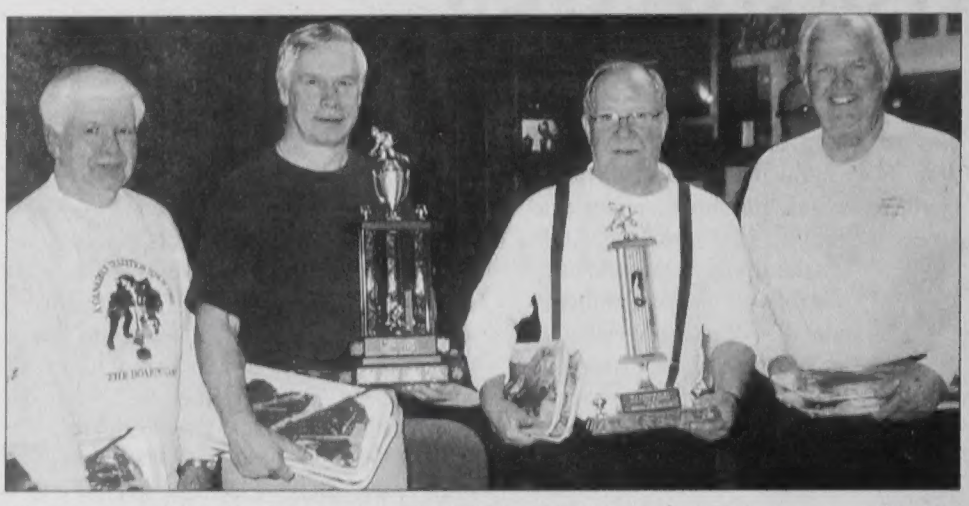
Minden Curlers wrap up fall season with playoff



Mens League playoff winners were, from left: Ted Wilkes, Dave McKay, Jack Taylor, Jim Burrows

Ladies playoff winners were, from left: Melanie Vigrass, Jane Boyd, Sandra Von Hunnus, Christina Knapp

Ladies league winners were the rink of, from left: Diane Whitmarsh, Karen Collis, Lisa Moore, Wendy Aubry

Winners of the Friday playoff title were, from left: Larry Gureski, Russ Duhaime (skip), Joan Duhaime, Darlene Hill

Thursday league winners were, from left: Mealnie Vigrass, Doug Brown, Sue Ripley, Curtis Greenham

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Highland Storm Peewee AE goaltender Curtis Jennings faced a lot of rubber in the opening game against the Fergus Highlanders. Jennings was unable to stop them all as the Storm fell to the Highlanders 6-0 at the S. G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden on Saturday, Dec. 27.

Storm Atom AEs advancing to next round of Silver Stick

by **WADE MCINNES**
Special to The Times

Among the endangered species list the eagles are the deadliest predators in the sky. Much to the dismay of Greenpeace two flocks of Eagles went down due to a wicked storm on Dec.21 in Minden - first the Ennismore Eagles and then the Essa Eagles as the Highland Storm Atom "AE" team ripped and twisted their way to the top capturing their home Silverstick hockey tournament.

The team, which is guided by the coaching staff of Bernie Upton, Andy Salvatori,Josh Burke and Don and Janice Lewis, commends their players on a solid

weekend performance: Rob Lewis, Chris Judge, Jonathan Rae, Samantha Tallman,Marcie Dick, Brady Kent, Stephan Schollig, Jacob Kidd,Jonathan Salvatori, Colby Cunningham, Mike Mazara, Dillon Upton and Nick Freeman. This team will

represent our Highland Storm Regional Qualifier at the International Tournament of Champions in Pelham Ontario on January 8,9,10,and 11. They will be up against five other Canadian champions and six American champions all competing to win the life-size sterling Silver Hockey Stick for the number one Atom "AE" hockey team in North America.

This four-day tournament down by Niagara Falls will be an experience to remember and we wish our Storm team the best of luck in Pelham.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our minor hockey sponsors, the Atom "AE" coaching staff and parents for making this tournament a success. A special thanks to Patti Tallman for all her hardwork and dedication.

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The power of patterns

Photographer John Etches finds the essence of beauty in natural forms

by MATTHEW WALLS
Times staff

Matthew Walls/TIMES

John Etches with some of his photograps on display at Highlands Coffee Company

One of the 13 photographs on exhibit at the Highlands Coffee Company is a black, gray and white pattern of lines that, even on close inspection, are recognizable as nothing beyond their own bends and contours.

'Dual Axis Folding' is the distilled essence of John Etches' photographs. A geological rock formation, this one a road cut north of Minden off Highway 35, it is reduced of its colour, depth and textures through a digital printing technique to an abstract pattern of white and black, like a bloated novel pared of weak characters and irrelevant scenes to a simple, vigorous story line. "A pattern in nature," Etches says, "always means something."

The story of this rock cut is told through the folds in the metamorphic rock, once buried beneath 15 km of rock that was eroded by glaciations and created by pressures within the earth's crust, from crustal plate movements and the weight above the rock.

Etches, a geologist at the Ministry of Natural Resources' Frost Centre since 1983, had observed the rock formation for the past decade and after much guesswork, figured out which way the rock was folding.

To confirm his theory, he took a slab of cheese, placed it inside a sandwich bun and squeezed it as he imagined the glaciers had exerted their pressures. Within seconds, the cheese showed the same folded pattern that took millions of years to mold the rock.

'Dual Axis Folding' is Etches' only photograph in the exhibit from the area. He has another from Vietnam, which he visited for five weeks in 1994. In the photo, a woman squats in a doorway of a pasteboard house. A photograph of a tropical forest is from Belize, the green of the trees suffused with the sun's yellow and orange glow.

Two others are from Ontario's Killarney Provincial Park, including Etches' own favourite, 'Ecosystem,' a landscape of deciduous trees of varying greens.

The rest originate from the southwest states, which Etches has visited on two occasions and where he found "amazing" landforms. More than half of the 13 photos are from Paria River Vermillion Cliffs Wilderness Area, in Utah, though these photos are so unlike each other that their only shared trait is the park's name.

"To me, there's just so much anomalous colour and texture, and a wealth of compositions," Etches said. "The southwest states would make a good photographer out of anyone."

Although this is Etches' first exhibit, he has been practising photography since his university days in the early '80s at Lakehead University. He was the photo editor of Lakehead's newspaper for a year, and "did a lot of black and white developing" in the university's darkroom.

With his geology background, Etches approaches his landscapes looking for the literal sermon in the stone.

'A pattern in nature always means something'

'There's just so much anomolous colour and texture'

"Initially composition, colour, texture draws me in. Then I look at it from different levels, figure out the best zoom or framing, the [lens'] focal length, what best suits the scene."

Above all he tries to evoke a sense of a place. Though all but one of the photos in the exhibit is without a human presence, Etches says he includes people if they are needed to give a sense of place.

In the desolate and harsh terrain of the southwest, however, where the landscape is already reduced to the elements and life signs are read in the prints of insects and animals upon sand, as with the brilliant blue dragonfly trapped in glistening red clay in 'Expired', a person is unsurprisingly out of place.

"We saw lots of wildlife," Etches laconically remarked, "but most of it was dead."

Etches' own adventure with a friend into the Buckskin Gulch, "a 25 km canyon slot with a sun roof," was a grim trek against the elements. Temperatures hovered around 110° F, and getting their daily need of four gallons of water could occupy hours of their day, marching kilometres with their 70-pound backpacks to water sources or stashes they'd arranged ahead of time with park authorities at the Bureau of Land Management.

The two would climb out of the canyon, which deepened in some spots to 200 ft., and walk on average three to four kilometres to the water source.

One source was a drip out of a cliff. The water was so meager the two couldn't believe it was the spring they were searching for. They walked on searching for the spring marked on their map and several kilometres later realized they'd passed their water source. Etches said it took 45 minutes to fill a Nalgene water bottle.

During another trip to a water source, the two left the canyon's dry riverbed just in time to escape a flash flood brought by the previous night's thunderstorm.

When they returned, the clay was like quicksand. Etches believes, from the number of animal skeletons they saw along the riverbed, that animals sought the canyon out as shelter from the heat, only to find themselves without water or trapped by the "axle-grease" of the clay.

In their two weeks in Paria River, the two photographers saw only six others. They travelled slowly, scouring the park for its rich textures and forms. Captured in photographs, the landscapes seem like slightly unearthly works of art, with unexpected textures and wild juxtapositions, arranged by some unseen hand: rock seems as malleable as dough in one photo or rugged as driftwood in another; colours range from bright fuchsia to midnight black; water courses over rocks like wool stretched over stones, or it runs down the side of cliff as water slicks down a concrete wall.

Though the photos appear as random slices of landscape, chosen by the photographer for their visual appeal, Etches says of these photos, "Nothing is random." Observed closely, they each tell a complete story, as long as one knows how to read the signs.

"With my knowledge of the landscape, I see with more than one set of eyes," Etches said.

Etches' photographs will appear again in July at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery for the exhibit 'Earth Patterns,' along with the geologically-based work of artist Gary Blundell.

Etches has been asked to provide more photos of the Highlands area for the show, so he will turn his camera to this area's landscapes.

"There are just as many interesting textures here as there are in the Southwest States. You just have to know where to look."

A chilly start to 2004!

by **MARTHA PERKINS**
Times staff

Amid whoops and cheers of support, 23 people leaped into the new year by hurdling themselves into the frigid waters of Lake Kashagawigamog.

It was a festive scene as members of Allsaw Pentecostal Church gathered at the Ingoldsby beach on January 1 for what is becoming their New Year's tradition. Clad in their bathing suits, their faces and bodies festooned with paintings of polar bears, they drew a number and lined up in front of a hole in the ice. One after the other, they took a deep breath, plugged their noses and jumped. As few seconds as possible later, they were climbing up a ladder back onto the ice to be wrapped in warm and waiting towels.

'It's actually very easy," says Haliburton's Cathy Mitchell, one of the organizers of the event. "It's amazing."

The idea for the polar bear swim came from Greg Smith who suggested that the church find a fun way to greet the new year. Surprisingly, the church members leaped at the opportunity.

to onlookers on the shore, it seems like a crazy way to say "Happy New Year" but Mitchell says there's an incredible amount of energy created among the parishioners, who had stayed up the night before and started the year with a bountiful breakfast at the church.

"It must be just wanting to conquer something that isn't natural," says Mitchell. "Who's going to jump into the lake because they like the cold?

"It was great."

A colourfully dressed Greg Smith helps Sara Both out of the water while other polar bears get hyped up for their turn to jump into Lake Kashagawigamog.

Lindsay Mitchell is grateful for Michelle Cook's quick arrival with a towel.

Michelle Cook shows off her hand-painted talisman.

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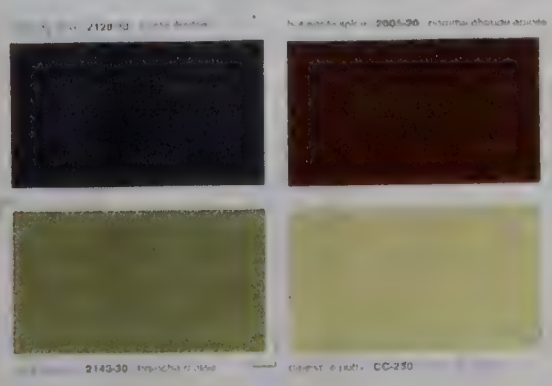

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New group will share knitting, quilting skills

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Happy New Year everyone! All the best for a healthy, happy and prosperous 2004.

A new Dorset group is being formed - The Quilters Etc. group will be meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Fridays between 9am and 12pm. Knitters, quilters and any needle workers are welcome to this informal drop in. All levels are welcome. For more info, Shirley-Anne at 766-2738 or Mildred at 766-0335. The cost is

10th - dinner at 6pm. Reservations are required by calling 766-9968. Dinner is provided by the Dorset Lifeliners and includes Chili & Biscuits, salads, dessert, coffee, tea or juice all for only $7 for adults and $4 for children under 12. Vegetarian chili is available - please indicate your preference when you reserve. Stay after dinner and enjoy music provided by local musicians. If you would like to participate in the musical portion of the evening, please call Joe Alfano at 766-0076.

Thank you to the anonymous donor who made a very generous donation to the Dorset Kid's Movie Night - it is much appreciated and will buy lots of popcorn for the kids! Thanks also go to John and Elva Clayton for donating a "larger" screen TV and to Don Kostenuk for helping John to deliver it. The new TV will be used at the next movie night, Friday, January 23 at 7pm where "Daddy Day Care" will be shown. Free popcorn! Lots $1 per visit towards recreational programming at the Rec Centre.

Kick off the new year at the 7th Annual Dinner and Music Night at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, January

of prizes! Call 766-9968 for more information. Donations gratefully accepted to help with Movie Nights.

The Dorset Volunteer Fire Department will serve dinner & refreshments at Hollow Valley Lodge on Saturday, January 31, 2004 as a fundraiser to sponsor a child at Camp Bucko - a camp for burned children. Refreshments will be served at 6pm and dinner at 7pm. The cost is $17.50 per person and includes chicken and ribs, potato salad and dessert. Entertainment will be provided by Lincoln Miller. Reserved seating only. For tickets call Donna at 766-9253.

Birthday wishes for January 4 to 10 go out to Mary Fitzgibbon, Jordan Wilson, Ethan MacKay, Alex Jordan, Don Simmons, Graham Avery and Lauren Wilson. Have a wonderful day!

To submit something for the Dorset news send E-mail to melalfano@hotmail.com, or call at 766 - 0076.

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Every community, both large and small, has in its midst special people who provide leadership and vision. On December 29th with the passing of Mark Brelsford our Kinmount community lost one of its most stalwart. A chemist by profession, in his many other areas of interest Mark could best be described as an artist. Although gifted in drawing and design, his creative spirit was perhaps most evident when he worked with wood. Whether it was a handcrafted piece of pine furniture beautifully finished for the home or the imaginative use of rough weathered barnboard to reproduce a pioneer drive shed at the Fair, when Mark and wood got together, magic happened.

His legacies are many. One that stands out clearly for is the Heritage Complex at the Kinmount Fairgrounds which houses the Pioneer Exhibit. This impressive display began years ago in much simpler terms when, on a July 1st holiday, the Brelsford family set up a small display in celebration of Canada's birthday. Well-received, it became a featured part of the Kinmount Fair, gradually expanding under canvas to accommodate the ever-growing number of artifacts and crafters demonstrating local history and lifestyle. Eventually the exhibit outgrew the biggest rental tent available. With the financial support of the Fair Board Mark's conceptual design for two free-standing Ontario-style pioneer houses with canvas stretched between them, became a reality. Every year since, under his guidance, display areas have been refined and upgraded, attracting thousands of appreciative visitors over the Labour Day weekend.

Mark was extremely knowledgeable, articulate and generous in his willingness to share that knowledge through dialogue and demonstration. For his many gifts we are grateful. He will be greatly missed and warmly remem-

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Fun-filled auction planned

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The Haliburton 50+ Club members welcome you to join them at the Haliburton Legion hall for the next meeting on Thursday, January 15th. This month will be their annual fun-filled auction so bring out your oldies but goodies and enjoy an exciting evening of hectic bidding. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 p.m.. New members or guests are welcome. This is a non-smoking environment. If you plan to attend please call Mary or Brian Hambly at [705] 754-3319 and let them know by Tuesday, January 13th.

Anyone interested in or affiliated with mental health services is invited to join the Advisory Committee to Mental Health in Haliburton County on a volunteer basis. Please send a letter of interest to: HHMHSAC, Nominating Committee, Box 539, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 or call 286-4575.

The Annual General Meeting of the Galway & Area Ratepayers Association Inc. will be held on Saturday, January 10th at the Galway Hall starting at 10 a.m. Members and those interested in learning more about the activities of the Association should plan to attend. It's also a great way to meet your neighbours and Council representatives.

Now for the **Scoring News** with the usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together. With Christmas and New Years falling on Thursdays this year most groups have taken a break with their events starting up again this first full week of January. Yesterday's mail brought the earliest garden magazine of the season so I will curl up with it and look forward to hear about all the happenings for next week's column.

Monday, December 29 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Thanks to Gala Stamp for calling in this report. For high hands the winner was Martha Harding with Cecil Smith taking low hands and Norm Lee holding the most lone hands. Joan Kernohan went home with the special prize.

Tuesday, December 30 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Topping the charts was Elva Paisley at 253 followed by Len Kroes 243 and Marcel Roussel a close third at 242. Single moonshots went to Marcel Roussel, Kevin Maloney, and Milton Fletcher while Margaret Fletcher, Mary Coltman and Kevin Maloney uncovered the hidden scores. Thanks to Marie Dennie for this update.

Tuesday, December 30 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: Leading the afternoon's scores was Syd Lockhart going solo with 278 points. Second place went to the duo of Pearl Cowen and Grace Berardi 269 while Alf Briscoe and Helen Skelding were third with 262. The low score of the day was by the team of Betty Lockhart and Flo Roussel who tallied 154.

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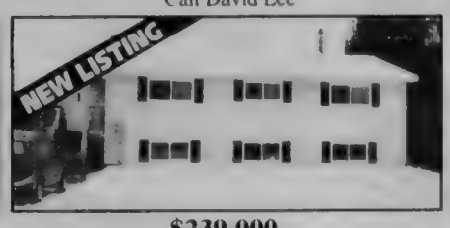

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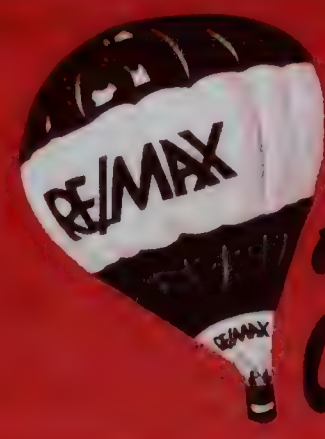

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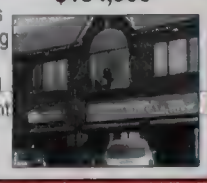

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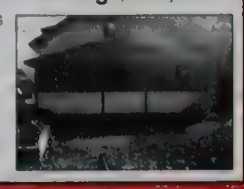

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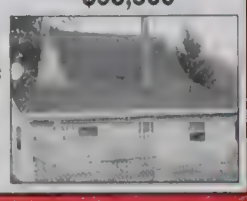

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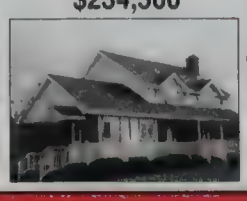

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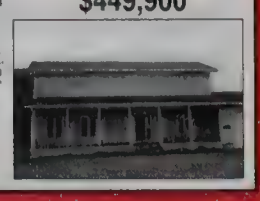

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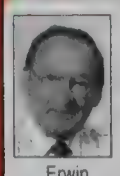
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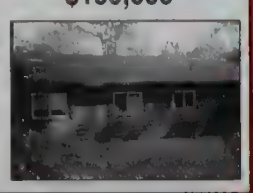

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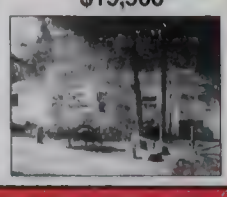

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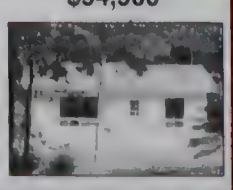

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LOWEST OR ANY TENDER NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPTED.
Tenders to be opened at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 9, 2004.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE, that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date:	January 29, 2004
Time:	3:00 p.m.
Location:	7 Milne Street, Municipal Council Chambers RZ-03-08 (William Royal GEDDIS)

PURPOSE OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT
The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend The Restricted Area (Zoning) By-law No. 86-26 as amended, to rezone lands described as Part of Lot 16, Concession 13, (Part 16, Plan 19R-2405) in the Geographic Township of Minden from Rural (RU) to Industrial (M).

A map is attached to this notice indicating the lands subject to this amendment. The same lands are also subject to an application for site plan agreement with the Township and a copy of the site plan will be available for public review at the Building and Planning Office on Highway 35 south of Minden.

EXPLANATORY NOTE
The purpose of this application is to change the zoning on the above-noted land to permit the operation of a sheet metal business.

The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that sufficient information is made available to enable the public to generally understand the Zoning By-law Amendment that is being considered by Council. Any person who attends the meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the application. Council will then use the information collected at this meeting to make a decision on this matter at a future meeting. If you wish to be notified of Council's decision, please forward such requests (with forwarding addresses) in writing to the attention of the Clerk.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Minden Hills in respect of the proposed amendments but does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council before the proposed amendments are adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

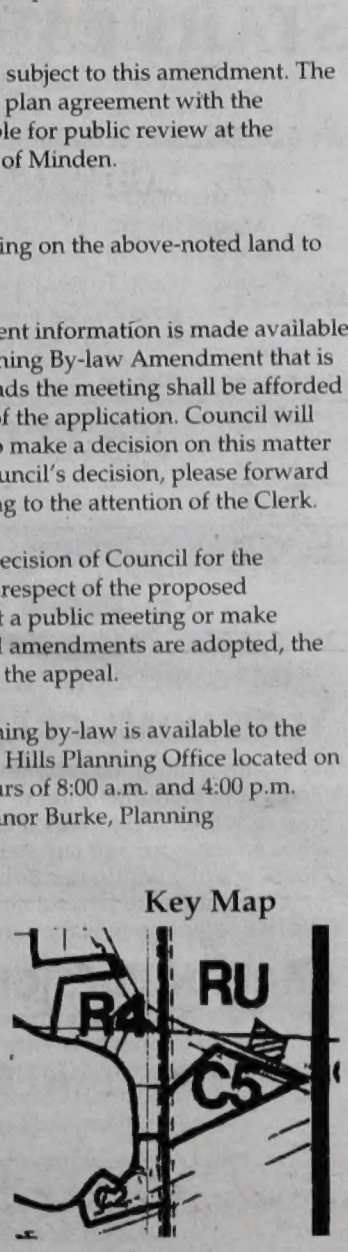
Additional information regarding the proposed zoning by-law is available to the public for inspection at the Municipality of Minden Hills Planning Office located on Highway 35 on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Information may also be provided by contacting Elinor Burke, Planning Administrator at (705) 286-1541.

Mailing Date of this Notice: January 5, 2004

(Ms) Elinor Burke, CMO, CMM
Planning Administrator

Location:
West Road
& Hwy. 118
Carnarvon

Key Map



LEGEND

Lands to be rezoned from Rural (RU) Zone to Industrial (M) Zone.

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what's happening in the Highlands

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- Anyone interested in or affiliated with **Mental Health Services** are invited to join the Advisory Committee to Mental Health in Haliburton County. Send a letter of interest to: HHMHSAC, Nominating Committee, Box 539 Minden ON K0M 2K0 or call 286-4575
- **Al-anon,** a support group for family & friends of alcoholics. Meets every Monday at 8pm at Hyland Crest. For meeting locations, days & times call 705-374-4633.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m., in the Fireside lounge, Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home, Minden. Call Rick Ratcliff 286-6699 -email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.
- **Well Baby Drop-In** - Mondays at the HKPR Health Unit in Haliburton. 1:30-3:30 p.m. We will weigh your baby, discuss infant care, provide breastfeeding support, etc. Call 457-1391 ext.224.
- **The Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre** invites you to come & experience our exciting Self-Care workshops. Each workshop runs from 1 to 3 p.m. Advanced Registration Required. For a list of workshops with dates call 705-748-5901.
- **Family Services of Haliburton County** is in urgent need of volunteer respite workers, someone who can be a special "buddy" and share your interests, or plan a fun activity with a child who has special needs in Tory Hill, Halls Lake, Haliburton, Donald, & Cardiff. Call Marilou at Family Services 457-5345 ext 308.
- **Climax Climbing Club** - a drop-in indoor rock climbing program offered by Family Services. Every Tuesday ending April 13th (excluding school holidays) at Camp Madeeba in West Guilford. Call 457-5345.
- **Parents - would you like your child to learn to sing?** We are looking for children of any age to sing under the leadership of Joy Bain, with help from several teachers from Archie Stouffer. This will be a non-denominations fun church group, that will learn to sing and perform for residents at Hyland Crest, church congregations and perhaps at various other local events. Phone Joan Grant 286-3323.
- **January 7- March 10:** Highlands Parent Child Mother Goose Program. Parents & children (birth to 2-1/2 years) learning rhymes, songs & stories together. Wed. mornings 10 -11 a.m. at the Cardiff Elementary School. Call Family Services 457-5345 or Ontario Early Years Centre 457-2989.
- **January 8:** L.I.F.T. (Ladies In Fellowship Together) 7:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. West Guilford Rec Centre. Speaker: Elizabeth Hutchinson, Carnarvon. Music: Terry Upton, Eagle Lake. Special Feature: Franka Andriano of "Franka's Delectable Catering Service" Lyn 457-3155 or Alice 754-2808.
- **January 8:** The University of Women's Club of the Haliburton Highlands meets at the Norman Sisco Centre at 7pm. For further details please 286-1045.
- **January 8:** Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre presents Women's Empowerment by Vicky Clark, 1-3pm. Call 705-748-5901.
- **January 8:** Come out to the 1st Winter Hike of the Season and celebrate the opening of the new resort area snowshoe trail! Meet at 10:30am at the Delta Pinestone Resort Contact the Trails & Tours Network for information 457-4049 or info@trailsandtours.on.ca
- **January 8:** Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists Monthly Meeting will present local naturalist Jim Thompson who will talk and show slides on wild flowers of Haliburton County & surrounding areas. 7:30pm at the Haliburton Museum. 457-2487.
- **January 15:** 1 p.m. General meeting of the Minden H.H.H.S. Auxilliary at Hyland Crest. Dwight Thomas will talk about the Paramedic Service. Question & answer period will follow. Everybody welcome.
- **January 15:** Haliburton 50+ Club welcomes you to join us at the Haliburton Legion Hall for our next meeting. This month will be our annual fun filled auction, so we ask that you bring out your oldies but goodies and enjoy a great evening of hectic bidding. Doors open at 4:30pm. Dinner at 5:30pm. Please let Mary or Brian know if you're attending by January 13th. Call 754-3319.
- **January 19:** Craft day for adults at Burnt River Library at noon. 454-9646
- **January 24:** Family Literacy Day at the following Libraries: Dalton (11 a.m.), Kirkfield (9:30am). For info contact the individual library branch.
- **January 24:** Introductory ice climbing workshop presented by Trails & Tours Network and Medeba. For details & to register, contact Trails & Tours Network at 705-489-4049 or info@trailsandtours.on.ca
- **January 26:** Noon Craft Time for adults at Norland Library. 454-8552.
- **January 27:** Celebrate Family Literacy Day at Coboconk Library at 6 pm.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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ANTIQUE FURNITURE, CHINA, glass, jewellery, toys and other antique items in general. Call (705) 457–2250.
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HIGH SCHOOL REUNION - The Memorabilia Committee is looking for pictures and items which can be displayed in the Decade Rooms at the 50th Reunion in May of 2004. If you have things you would be willing to share, please contact Julie Hartin at 457–1980 or Julie.Hartin@tldsb.on.ca

SPORTS CARD COLLECTORS Looking for interested parties for monthly get together to discuss hobby. Call 286–2902 between 12pm - 10 pm.
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050 VEHICLES

1987 GMC PICK-UP, good shape, good running order, $2,500. Phone 488–3295.

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270 HEALTH &FITNESS

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West Guilford Community Centre
Wednesday, January 7
7:00 p.m.
Club 35/Hwy. 35 Halls Lake
Monday, January 12
1:00 p.m.
Both locations
10 week courses
For Info. & Registration
Call Pat at 489–4279

290 COMING EVENTS

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MONTHLY MEETING
will present
Local Naturalist
Jim Thompson
who will talk and show slides on Wild Flowers of Haliburton County and surrounding areas
January 8, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
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50TH BIRTHDAY
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390 PUBLIC NOTICES

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440 THANK YOU

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450 IN MEMORIAM

REYNOLDS, MORGAN (SHAG) - In loving memory of a dear husband who passed away January 2, 1999.
Though his smile is gone forever
And his hand we cannot touch
Still we have so many memories
Of the one we loved so much.
His memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part,
God has him in His keeping
We have him in our hearts.
Lovingly remembered by his wife, **Marie.**

460 OBITUARIES

BOB AND GAYLE McCONNELL
On Christmas Eve, at 2 p.m., Bob and Gayle McConnell were taken from us suddenly in a fatal car accident.
Bob, 72, and Gayle, 66, leave behind a loving son, Robert McConnell, with spouse Cathy, and daughter Kimberly Blair and husband Fred Blair, mother Violet McConnell, sister Helen (McConnell) and husband Tony Watkin, brother Guard and wife Jean Campbell, and many extended family and good friends. Bob was a devoted husband and father, and was a brother of the Masonic Lodge and noble of the Rameses Shrine. Gayle was a devoted wife and caring mother, and was a member of the Eastern Star and the Rebekah's. She was also an active member of the Women's Health Care Auxiliary in Minden. Both Bob and Gayle were dedicated to their community and passionate about everything they did. They were active members of the Minden Curling Club, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636 Minden, and the Tai Chai Society of Canada. Both will be sadly missed by all who knew them. Many heartfelt thanks for all your thoughts, support and prayers. May God walk with them now and forever. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on Sunday, January 4, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., and on Monday, January 5, 2004 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the Memorial Service in the chapel at 1:00 p.m. Memorial donations to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Masonic Service at the Funeral Home on Sunday, January 4, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. followed by the Legion Service at 3:00 p.m.

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DRUMHELLER, KIM (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario): At Haliburton Hospital on Sunday evening, December 28, 2003, in her 48th year. Beloved wife of Rick Ruttig. Cherished mother of Raven at home. Predeceased by her parents Peter and Maria Drumheller and her brother Leslie. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457–9209 on Friday afternoon, January 2, 2004 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Saturday morning, January 3, 2004 at 11 o'clock. Cremation. As expressions of sympathy, donations to The Canadian Paraplegic Association of Ontario, 520 Sutherland Drive, Toronto, Ontario M4G 3V9, would be appreciated by the family.

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HARRINGTON, ROBERT (BOB) - Passed away on December 31, 2003, in Paris, Ontario. Lovingly remembered by his wife Peggy of 62 years, sons Len and Dale, Keith and Linda, Wayne and Sharon, daughters Elizabeth and Chester Van Ness, and Vivian and Brad D'Angelo. Sadly missed by brother John (Jack) Harrington of Minden, and 13 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Predeceased by brothers Frank and George. Cremation has taken place. There will be a Memorial Service on Saturday, January 10 at the Rust Acres Funeral Home in Paris, Ontario. Visitation from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and service at 2:00 p.m. Donation to charity of your choice. For more information on the Memorial Service, please call Muriel Harrington at 286–2608.

MARK STANLEY BRELSFORD
Passed away peacefully at the St. Joseph's Hospital, Palliative Care Unit, Peterborough, on Monday, December 29, 2003.
At the age of 63.
Loving husband of Roni of Kinmount, beloved son of Helen and the late Stan Brelsford, and brother of Wendy and husband Chris Pearson, all of England. Dearest father of Karen and Brian Harrington of Brechin, Christina and William Radiff of Chicoutimi, Quebec. Also, lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Lisa and Erin. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on Friday, January 2, 2004 from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations to the Kinmount and District Health Services Foundation (K.D.H.S.F.) would be appreciated by the family.

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PALMER, ROY EDWARD: Past Master Grenville Lodge, A.F. & A.M. No. 629 G.R.C. Past Grand Steward, Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario. Long-time cottager at Bob Lake, Roy died at home in Scarborough on December 28. Roy Palmer, beloved husband of Norma Louise (52 years), dear father of Catherine Lynn, Kevin Bradley (Lorraine), Gail Louise Perrin (Ron) and predeceased by son Charles Edward. Cherished grandfather of Kyle Daniel, Evan James and Maria Louise. Service was held in Toronto at the Jerrett Funeral Home on January 3. If desired, donations may be made to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario.

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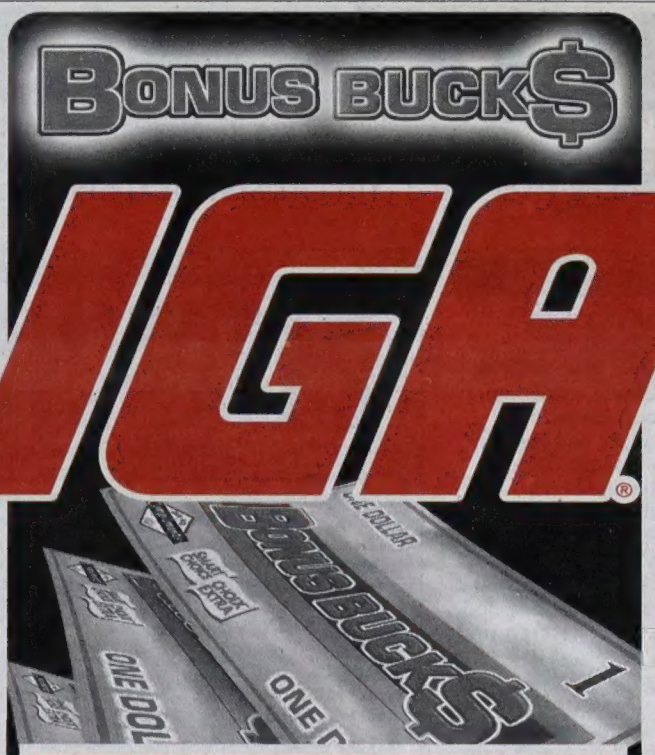

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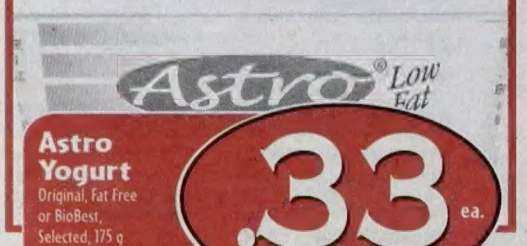

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